GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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REAPPEARANCE OF RIVER SARASWATI
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Geologists are engaged in the job of discovering on the river Saraswati; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) The Department of Drinking Water Supply under the Ministry of Rural Development has sanctioned a R&D project entitled "Reconstruction of Palaeo-Drainage Network in Western Rajasthan" at a total cost of Rs.47.30 lakh in 1998- 99. It is a three years project being implemented by the Ground Water Department, Government of Rajasthan in collaboration with the Space Application Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad, the Central Ground Water Board, Jaipur and the Regional Remote Sensing Service Centre, Mumbai. The main objective of the project is to identify potential pockets for ground water in the ancient course of river Saraswati through proper construction of the river course through a multi-disciplinary study.